

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington DC 20463

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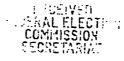
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# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463



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October 30, 2014

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**SENSITIVE** 

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Kristin D. Roser

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason to Believe Recommendation -

Failure to File 48-Hour Notices under the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is the name of a principal campaign committee that has failed to file 48-hour notices with the Commission for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more received from the close of books for the Ohio 2014 12 Day Pre-Primary Report up to 48 hours before the May 6, 2014 Primary Election in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and 11 CFR § 104.5(f). The committee, Kaptur for Congress, represents a candidate who won the Primary Election. The committee is being referred for failing to file 48-hour notices for contributions totaling \$52,500.00.

A 48-hour notice is required to report all contributions of a \$1,000.00 or more, to any authorized committee of a candidate, including contributions from the candidate, loans from the candidate and other non-bank sources, and endorsements or guarantees of loans from banks, as per 11 CFR § 104.5(f).

We have attached an information sheet which includes the contributor name, date of receipt and amount of the contributions for which a 48-hour notice was not filed.

In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties outlined within 11 CFR § 111.44, this committee should be assessed the civil money penalty so indicated.

### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that Kaptur for Congress and Thomas Jaffee, Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$6,460 be assessed.
- 2. Send the appropriate letter.

Attachment

### Contributions for Which a 48-Hour Notice Was Not Received

AF 2842

Committee ID: C00154625

Committee Name: Kaptur for Congress

Report Type: July Quarterly Report (4/17/14 - 6/30/14)

48-Hour Reporting Period: 4/17/14 - 5/3/14

CONTRIBUTOR	DATE	AMOUNT
KING & SPALDING NONPARTISAN COMMITTEE	4/21/2014	£1,000,00
FOR GOOD GOV	4/21/2014	\$1,000.00
NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOC	4/21/2014	\$2,500.00
SHEET METAL WORKERS INTL ASSN PAL	4/21/2014	\$2,500.00
GENERAL DYNAMICS VOLUNTARY PAC C00078451	4/22/2014	\$1,000.00
GROWTH ENERGY PAC	4/22/2014	\$2,000.00
DAY & ZIMMERMANN INC FEDERAL PAC (AKA 'DAYPAC - FEDERAL')	4/23/2014	\$2,500.00
TEAMSTERS DRIVE C00032979	4/23/2014	\$5,000.00
ANDERSON, LAWRENCE	4/24/2014	\$1,000.00
DEVABHAKTUNI, VIJAY	4/24/2014	\$1,000.00
HAYWARD, JOHN	4/24/2014	\$1,000.00
POWELL, ELIZABETH E.	4/24/2014	\$1,000.00
ROLLISON, GERARDO	4/24/2014	\$2,600.00
WILKOWSKI, KEITH	4/24/2014	\$1,000.00
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY RAILPAC (BNSF RAILPAC)	4/25/2014	\$2,000.00
MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	4/28/2014	\$2,000.00
MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION FUND	4/29/2014	\$2,000.00
FIRST SOLAR INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	4/30/2014	\$2,000.00
UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA PAC	4/30/2014	\$1,000.00
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES (ACEC/PAC)	5/1/2014	\$3,000.00
CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	5/1/2014	\$1,000.00
BOEING PAC (C00142711)	5/2/2014	\$1,000.00
BOILERMAKERS LOCAL 85 FEDERAL PAC	5/2/2014	\$2,500.00
FLORIDA SUGAR CANE LEAGUE PAC	5/2/2014	\$1,000.00
USEC INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	5/2/2014	\$1,000.00

(USEC PAC)		
ALCOA INC EMPLOYEES' VOLUNTARY	5/3/2014 \$2,500.0	\$2,500,00
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		\$2,500.00
CSX CORP GOOD GOVERNMENT FUND	5/3/2014	\$2,000.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND	•	
FINANCIAL ADVISORS POLITICAL ACTION	5/3/2014	\$1,000.00
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ROBIE RESNICK, ALICE	5/3/2014	\$1,900.00
SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION - SPAD	5/3/2014	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$52,500.00

**Proposed Civil Money Penalty: \$6,460.00** ((11 Notices Not Filed at \$110 each) + (10% of the Overall Contributions Not Filed))

Federal Election Commission Reason to Believe Circulation Report 48-Hour Notification Report

LOA \$52,500 Notices Not Filed Prev Violations Candidate Name Treasurer
KAPTUR, MARCY C.HON JAFFEE, THOMAS MR. Election 2014 K State Committee ID Committee Name
C00154625 KAPTUR FOR CONGRESS

. AF# 2842

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#### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Reason To Believe Recommendation -	)	AF 2842
Failure to File 48-Hour Notices under the	)	
Administrative Fine Program: Kaptur for	)	•
Congress and Thomas Jaffee, Treasurer	)	

#### **CERTIFICATION**

- I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on November 03, 2014, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF 2842:
  - 1. Find reason to believe that Kaptur for Congress and Thomas Jaffee, Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$6,460 be assessed.
  - 2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 4, 2014

Mr. Thomas Jaffee, in official capacity as Treasurer Kaptur for Congress P.O. Box 899 Toledo, OH 43697

C00154625 AF#: 2842

Dear Mr. Jaffee:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 52 U.S.C. § 30101, et seq. (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 431) ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing either the Secretary of the Senate or the Federal Election Commission ("FEC"), and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, of any contribution of \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before, any election. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(6)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A)). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of the contribution and to include the name of the candidate and office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. *Id.* These notification requirements are in addition to all other reporting requirements. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)). Our records indicate that Kaptur for Congress did not submit 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between April 21, 2014 and May 3, 2014, totaling \$52,500, as required by 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(6)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A)). Attachment 1.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)). 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)). On November 03, 2014, the FEC found that there is Reason to Believe ("RTB") that Kaptur for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) by failing to file the 48-Hour Notices. Based on the FEC's schedule of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.44, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$6,460. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 2. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 CFR § 111.34. The amount of the civil money penalty is \$110 for each non-filed notice plus 10 percent of the dollar amount of the contributions not timely reported. The civil money penalty increases by 25 percent for each prior violation. Send your payment of \$6,460 within forty (40) days of the finding, or by December 13, 2014.

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

#### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or December 13, 2014. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g). 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

#### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Kaptur for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

#### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

#### NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

#### 4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

#### 5. Settlement Offers

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty as an offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, the offer is herewith rejected despite any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2)). It will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B)) and 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly 437g(a)(12)(A)) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact David Garr in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Lee E. Goodman

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.44, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$6,460 for the 2014 Primary Election 48-Hour Notification Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by December 13, 2014. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

#### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

#### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Kaptur for Congress

FEC ID#: C00154625

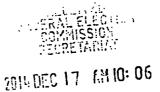
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PAYMENT DUE DATE: December 13, 2014

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,460



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463



December 17, 2014

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**SENSITIVE** 

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

Debbie Chacona (1) Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Kristin D. Roser

Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the

Failure to File 48-Hour Notices

Attached is a list identifying a political committee and its treasurer against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed a proposed civil money penalty calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the appropriate 48 Hour Notices for the Ohio 2014 Primary Election. The committee has paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondent that has paid the civil money penalty.

#### **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committee and its treasurer listed on the attached report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

Federal Election Commission Final Determination Circulation Report 48-Hour Notification Report

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#### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Administrative Fine Program - Final	)	AF 2842
Determination Recommendation for the	)	
Failure to File 48-Hour Notices: Kaptur	)	
for Congress and Mr. Thomas Jaffee, as	)	
<b>Freasurer</b>	)	

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 09, 2015, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF 2842:

- 1. Make a final determination that Kaptur for Congress and Mr. Thomas Jaffee, Treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 (a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty in the amount of \$6,460.
- 2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



January 14, 2015

Mr. Thomas Jaffee, in official capacity as Treasurer Kaptur for Congress P.O. Box 899
Toledo, OH 43697

C00154625 AF#: 2842

Dear Mr. Jaffee:

On November 3, 2014, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Kaptur for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) for failing to file 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between April 21, 2014 and May 3, 2014, totaling \$52,500. By letter dated November 4, 2014, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$6,460 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.44.

On November 19, 2014, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on January 9, 2015 that Kaptur for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$6,460 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.44 and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 CFR § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Garr on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Ann M. Ravel

Chair

FOR: Kaptur for Congress

FEC ID#: C00154625

AF#: 2842

PAYMENT DUE DATE: December 13, 2014

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,460

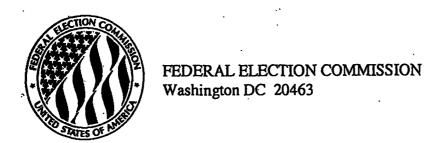
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